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1. REFTEL A WHICH TRANSMITTED CARACAS 8544 WAS NOT RECEIVED IN EMBASSY UNTIL SEPTEMBER 5 -- TOO LATE OBVIOUSLY TO MEET DEADLINE CONTAINED IN PARA 6.

2. WE DID NOT FEEL WE COULD GIVE USEFUL ESTIMATE OF IVORY COAST REACTION TO PROPOSED BILLS WITHOUT CONSULTING WITH GOIC. IN VIEW PARA 5, REFTEL A, WE HAVE NOT APPROACHED GOIC.

3. FOR WHATEVER IT MAY BE WORTH WE CAN ONLY REITERATE GOIC VIEWS AS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED IN REFTELS B AND C: IN REFTEL B WE REPORTED QUOTE "IVORIANS ARE PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN ECONOMIC
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ASPECTS OF LOS" AND "IVORIANS STATED THAT DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

SHOULD OBTAIN A GREATER BENEFIT FROM FISHING CONDUCTED IN MARINE AREAS ADJACENT TO THEIR COASTS ... IVORIANS DESIRE EXCLUSIVITY IN ECONOMIC ZONE AND BELIEVE THAT YELLOW FIN TUNA MIGRATORY PATTERNS ARE PRIMARILY COASTAL AND NOT TRANSOCEANIC." UNQUOTE IN REFTEL C WE REPORTED THAT IVORY COAST'S QUOTE "PRINCIPAL DESIRE IN THESE NEGOTIATIONS IS TO PRESERVE FOR ITSELF ANY ECONOMIC BENEFITS WHICH MAY POSSIBLY ACCRUE FROM EXPLOITATION OF ITS WATERS" UNQUOTE AND THAT IVORIAN POSITION WILL ALMOST ALWAYS BE THE COMMON POSITION OF THE OAU.

4. IN REFTEL B WE ALSO REPORTED THAT IVORIANS FAVORED A QUOTE "FLEXIBLE BUT EFFICIENT ORGANIZATION" UNQUOTE FOR DEEP SEA-BED, AND THAT IVORIANS APPEARED TO UNDERSTAND US POSITION AGAINST DIRECT EXPLOITATION BY INTERNATIONAL AUTHORITY.

5. U.S. DELEGATION HAVING CONSULTED WITH THE AFRICANS AND THE IVORIANS AT CARACAS SHOULD BE BETTER ABLE TO ESTIMATE IVORIAN REACTION TO PROPOSED LEGISLATION. WE HAVE HAD NO CONTACT WITH GOIC DELEGATES SINCE CARACAS MEETING.
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